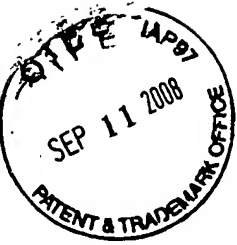


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In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2008, the period for response to which extends through September 18, 2008, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested as follows: